

## IN THE FALL FEDERATION IS TO MEET

Richmond Will Be Host to State Labor Organization, The Convention Being the Last of September.

500 DELEGATES TO BE CITY'S GUESTS

W. C. DeMiller of State Organization, in City Today Making Preliminary Plans for Gathering.

W. C. DeMiller, a member of the entertainment committee of the State Federation of Labor, is in the city today assisting the members of the local Central Labor Council in making preliminary arrangements for the annual convention of the Federation, which will be held in Richmond probably the last week in September. The exact date for the convention will be announced later. The Federation will be in session here four or five days and on the fifth day the annual convention of the Bartenders Union will be held. The delegates to the latter convention are also representatives of their union at the Federation convention.

"I think it can be safely stated the Federation convention will be one of the very best Richmond has ever entertained, and I know this city has been host to a number of important gatherings," stated Mr. De Miller, who is a resident of Indianapolis, a former newspaper man and brother-in-law of Edgar A. Perkins, president of the State Federation of Labor.

Brings Large Number. The Federation convention will bring to Richmond at least four or five hundred delegates, representing every organized trade and craft in the state. Each delegate has anywhere from \$50 to \$100 expense money and they generally leave all of it in the convention city. Last year at Evansville it was estimated that the delegates spent at least \$20,000.

Every thing is harmonious now in labor circles throughout the state and unless something develops in the meantime there will be no important questions brought before the convention for discussion and settlement. Probably the most important work to be undertaken will be the outlining of a legislative program, to promote the interests of organized labor to place before the state legislature next winter.

One of the features of the convention will be the big banquet tendered the delegates. This will probably be held on the evening of the third day of the convention. No decision has yet been reached as to where the banquet will be held. It is expected the principal guests at this festive feast will be Governor Marshall and United States Senators Kern and Shreveley.

As to Entertainments. The local Central Labor Council and the various local unions will have charge of the entertainment program, which will be a most elaborate one, as the Richmond union men desire to do in lavish hospitality to the delegates all other cities where the convention has ever met. Each union will hold some function to entertain brother craftsmen who will be here as delegates, and the labor council will have charge of the general entertainment, which will include, besides the banquet, theater parties, trolley rides, picnics, athletic shows, etc.

By the time the convention meets here it is expected unions not now affiliated with the Central Labor Council will have become members. The unaffiliated unions are the plasterers, painters and decorators, and one or two others. Every union now a member of the council has for some time been raising funds to be used in the entertainment of the delegates.

The following are the officers of the local Central Labor Council: Ed Steins Sheet Metal Workers Union, president, Aas Bettelton, Bartenders Union, vice president, George Russell, Typographical Union, corresponding secretary, C. L. Ryan, Brewery Workers Union, financial secretary and treasurer.

Officers of the Labor Council stated today that the sessions of the Federation would probably be held at the Coliseum.

**DETECTIVE FOSTER IS UNDER ARREST**  
(National News Association)  
LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Robert J. Foster, detective for the National Erector's association appeared this morning before Judge Hutton in response to a citation for contempt in the Darrow case. He was represented by counsel and asked for time to prepare his defense. Judge Hutton, in view of the time that would evidently be required to determine whether the detective was guilty of contempt in giving out an interview concerning the evidence gathered through the use of the dictograph, sent the case to the presiding judge of the superior court to be assigned to some other department.

## United States Marines Going Aboard the Battleships in New York



Extra consignments of marines from the Philadelphia and Brooklyn Navy Yards, happy at the outlook of a possibility of seeing active service, going aboard a navy tug to be taken aboard the waiting battleships Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota and Ohio, in the middle of the Hudson River, May 25. As soon as loaded with extra provisions and munitions of war, the vessels were ordered under full steam to proceed to Hampton Roads, where Rear-Admiral Osterhaus will take command of them and other warships of the Atlantic fleet, and under confidential orders proceed to Key West, Florida, to await further orders, depending entirely upon developments in the negro revolt in Cuba.

## ATTACHES NO BLAME FOR TRUCK TRAGEDY

Coroner in Verdict Does Not Find Auto Traveled at Excessive Speed.

Blame or responsibility for the accident on May 18, in which one man was killed and another painfully injured by the recently purchased auto truck is placed on no one by Dr. R. J. Pierce, county coroner, in his verdict on the death of Isaac Parry, which was filed in the office of the county clerk late yesterday afternoon. The verdict states that the death of Parry was due to multiple injuries accidentally received.

According to the verdict, all members of the fire department on the truck at the time of the accident, August Fielder, the driver, and Homer Hammond, president of the board of public works, were unanimous in their statements that the speed of the truck did not exceed twenty-five miles an hour, which speed under the circumstances was not excessive. Other witnesses considered the speed excessive, saying that the truck was going "too rapid" or "very rapid." However, the coroner stated that no account need be taken of the speed of the truck in answering a fire call, it being assumed that fire departments have the right of way and that the streets are cleared. In this case, he said, an attempt had been made to clear the streets.

Three factors were given as causes for the accident: First, because of the presence of a large crowd of people at the southeast corner of Eighth and North E streets, some standing as far out in the street as the south rail of the car tracks, which caused Fielder to deviate from his course to the North side of the street; second because of the fact, that, on reaching the north side of the street in order to avoid colliding with a buggy, crossing the street diagonally from the southeast, and coming towards the truck, it was necessary for the driver to turn the truck quickly to the south, and third on account of the wet and slippery condition of the street, which had just been sprinkled.

The driver testified that at Eighth and North E he applied the clutch pedal in order to reduce the machine's speed but did not apply the brake pedal, fearing the machine would skid. The coroner declared that a part of the force of the machine in crossing the street was due to the momentum gained on Ft. Wayne avenue.

After striking the vehicle driven by John Forbes, throwing him to the ground, the machine shot to the south side of the street, where it again skidded, the rear wheels flying onto the sidewalk, striking Parry and killing him instantly, the verdict reads. Parry's head was crushed into an indistinguishable mass. The machine then struck a telephone pole at Ninth and E, snapping it in twain.

Chief Ed Miller, of the fire department, who was riding on the truck, testified that he saw a man standing on the sidewalk at Ninth and E, and that as the machine skidded to the south the man disappeared. Miller said that whether the man was struck or not by the machine he could not state from personal observation. In part Chief Miller's testimony reads: "The next thing which I knew I found myself standing on the sidewalk, opposite Ninth street in a dazed condition. We then proceeded to the scene of the fire on North Thirteenth street. I did not know that the man had been killed at this time."

## THE WEATHER

STATE—Showers tonight. Wednesday generally fair.

LOCAL—Showers late this afternoon and tonight. Wednesday fair; not much change in temperature.

## THE YOUNG VETERANS

Are to Honor Their Dead on Memorial Day.

At the regular meeting of the United Spanish War veterans tomorrow evening, to which all members are urged to attend, final preparations will be made for the Denver Brown camp's part in the decoration day services. The Memorial Day ceremonies of the camp will be conducted at Earlham cemetery at 10:30 o'clock Thursday, over the soldiers' lot. The members of the camp will assemble at the camp room at 8:30 o'clock.

Preparations are being made by the officers of the local camp to have as large a delegation from Richmond as possible at the Ninth Annual Encampment which is to be held at Terre Haute, June 5 and 6.

The following call has been issued to the local members of the military order of the Snake:

Unto All ye Faithful, Greetings. Know ye, all sons of Khatpee Puna a swift messenger reach our fowl Barrio bearing a scroll. Bend thine ears, oh slaves, and harken to the words of wisdom.

The 4th annual crawl at Terry Hut on the 5th light of the 6 moon (Wed. June 5).

All companions will meet at lair Headquarters on the evening of May 29.

Thus have I spoken  
Elmer S. Laymon, G. G. G.  
Thus have I written  
Chas E. Darnell, T. J. J. G. G.

## PROHI CONVENTION OPENS AT CAPITAL

Rev. Ballard in an Address Fires Hotshots into Certain Candidates.

(National News Association)  
INDIANAPOLIS, May 28.—Sending hot bolts into the liquor traffic and arranging public men who temporize with it, Rev. T. E. Ballard of Kewanna, Ind., who delivered the keynote speech at the Prohibition state convention at Tomlinson hall today declared that his party in the moment of supremacy "will not consider men for the presidency who send loving cups to the golden wedding of brewers." This was taken to refer to the intimacy of President Taft and Adolphus Busch, the millionaire St. Louis brewer, and the relation which aroused the ire of the Prohibition party.

"Its candidate for governor will not consort with distillers and brewers in a political convention Thursday and then teach a Bible class on Sunday; neither will he participate in beer picnics in one county and address Sunday school conventions in another. "This was taken as a slap at Samuel B. Ralston, Democratic candidate for governor.

The convention, which is to be in session for two days, was composed of men and women enthusiasts and was called to order by State Chairman Lough. The Rev. W. A. H. Campbell of Southpaw gave the invocation. After the keynote address Rev. Harry Hill of Indianapolis delivered an address of welcome.

At a meeting of the state committee Monday night probable candidates were discussed. Rev. W. H. Hickman of Pennsylvania and Rev. A. W. Jackson of Attica are making strong races to head the state ticket. Sumner W. Hayes is also being talked of.

## CUBAN SITUATION GREATLY IMPROVED

Government Forces Are Getting the Upper Hand—U. S. Marines Land.

(National News Association)

HAVANA, May 28.—Reports from outlying districts today indicate the government is meeting with success in its campaign against the negro rebels. The situation is worse now in Oriente province, while in the others President Gomez's troops seem to be gaining the upper hand. The president today received a letter from Gen. Estenoz, the rebel commander-in-chief, offering to surrender providing the government will pledge legislation removing the ban on negro political parties. This offer will probably be rejected and a counter proposal of amnesty made for immediate capitulation. An order calling out half the troops in Havana for street patrol duty caused excitement here today. Government officials stated, however, that this was an indication that the city was threatened but was intended as an object lesson for the negroes and for drill purposes.

## MARINES LANDED.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Prairie arrived at Guantanamo today, according to navy department dispatches. She immediately landed her quota of marines under Col. Karmany at the naval station. They will be sent to the interior to protect American property if necessary.

## OUTRAGES BY REBELS.

SANTIAGO, May 28.—Rebels near Marcos, Sanchez and Guantanamo burned acres of sugar cane and seized 8,000 tons belonging to the Fidelity company, an American concern.

## EUGENE BACK AGAIN

Eugene Morgan, a diminutive Irishman, who appeared at police court last winter and under severe pressure admitted he was a brother of "J. P.'s," appeared again this morning on the same charge, drunk. He was fined \$1 and costs this time. John Gabriel pleaded guilty to drunk, but asked for a chance to "make a man of himself." The mayor stated he had tried the scheme several times, but that Gabriel did not seem to have had much success. He took the case under advisement as Gabriel promised to leave the city.

## MADE QUICK CHANGE

Hilda Bowman Divorced on One Day, Weds Next.

As the matrimonial ties which bound her to Charles F. Bowman, were being broken by Judge Fox yesterday morning in the Wayne circuit court, thoughts of her second honeymoon, beginning today, occupied the thoughts of Hilda Bowman, plaintiff in the suit. The divorce was granted and this morning, bright and early, Hilda with Elmer E. Driscoll appeared at the county clerk's office and blushing asked for a marriage license.

"Haven't the entry made, as yet, of the divorce decree," answered a deputy in the clerk's office. "You will have to wait until the ink is dry on the divorce entry," was added.

They didn't understand it but they acquiesced and impatiently awaited the filing of the divorce decree. They were then granted the marriage license and hand in hand proceeded to the nearest minister's domain.

The groom, age 22, is a well known young farmer. Prior to her second marriage Mrs. Bowman, aged 25, was a clerk in one of the local stores.

## TO DIVORCED WIFE

A Suicide Leaves a \$20,000 Insurance Policy.

(National News Association)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Leaving a note asking a friend to be sure to certify to his death so that his divorced wife might collect life insurance amounting to more than \$20,000, Joseph West Robinson, member of a wealthy family of Atlanta, Ga., ended his life by firing a revolver bullet into his mouth at the Golden West hotel.

In the note, which was addressed to Robert Grant, living at the Hotel Normandie, Robinson directed that no attention be paid to disposing of his body. He was willing to be buried in the potters' field by the city, he intimated, but wanted his wife to collect his insurance.

Another note was addressed to Robinson's wife, who before her marriage was Lucy Stid of Rome, Ga. The Robinsons were divorced six years ago and Mrs. Robinson is now living with their three grown children in Pasadena. Word was sent to her there today. The suicide occurred yesterday.

## HARRIS CASE NOW GIVEN A HEARING

Jury Has Been Secured and Taking of Testimony Was Begun Today.

(National News Association)

RUSHVILLE, Ind., May 28.—After taking up four days for the selection of a jury to try Paul Harris, the young man charged with the murder of his mother, Mrs. Minna C. Harris, everything was in readiness for the taking of testimony today following the opening statement of J. H. Kiplinger, attorney for the state, and a statement by Attorney Spaan for the defense Mr. Kiplinger contended the state would present evidence to the effect that Mrs. Harris was slain on the lower floor of her home, the body carried upstairs and the building fired. He also said that it would be shown that Paul Harris, a few days before Mrs. Harris was found dead, bought a revolver and had also tried to buy poison. Mr. Spaan for the defense refuted every statement alleged by the state and said witnesses would be presented to show that Mrs. Harris had often threatened to commit suicide. He said Paul Harris had always been an obedient son and a peaceful citizen and that he had never before been charged with a crime. It is believed the case will consume at least ten days and many witnesses are to be heard and many legal tilts are expected, owing to the array of attorneys on each side. Each side has five attorneys.

After the jury was sworn Judge Blair informed the members that they would not be allowed to separate during the trial. He said everything would be done for their comfort and that if they wanted to send any word home they could arrange that with the bailiff.

## GIVES JUDGMENT IN SPALDING CASE

Judgment on the verdict made by the jury in the case of the minor children of the late William Spaulding, versus Julia Spaulding and Lizzie Baird, objections to the probate of the will of the late Francis R. Spaulding, was rendered by Judge Fox in the Wayne circuit court this morning.

## BRITISH BOARD OF TRADE IS BLAMED FOR TITANIC HORROR

Senator Smith, Chairman of Senate Investigating Committee Presents Report and Makes Startling Charges in Placing Responsibility for Greatest Marine Tragedy in World's History.

## CAPTAIN SMITH BOTH PRAISED AND BLAMED

Trade Board Scored for "Laxity of Inspection" of the Gigantic Craft.—Unless Foreign Inspection Regulations Are Revised, the Report Advises Termination by U. S. of Reciprocal Acts.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Responsibility for the Titanic disaster and the loss of over 1,600 lives was placed upon the British Board of Trade today by Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, chairman of the committee which investigated the world's greatest marine disaster.

In the most striking speech heard on the floor of the senate in a decade he scored the "laxity of regulation and hasty inspection of the British Board." The senator gave as causes contributing to the disaster: 1.—The indifference to danger maintained by Capt. Smith, who lost his life in the disaster. 2.—The increase of speed despite warning signals and messages of danger.

Though pointing out the rashness of Captain Smith's actions, the senator praised him as a dauntless hero of the sea "whose willingness to die was the expiating evidence of his fitness to live."

Smith first mentioned the purpose for which the Titanic investigators had been appointed and reviewed the scope of their work. Then describing the construction of the giant liner, he declared that so confident were both owner and builder that the ship represented the last word in ship building that they were eager to go up on her maiden trip. Continuing he said:

No Sufficient Tests. "No sufficient tests were made of boilers or bulkheads or gearing or equipment and no life-saving or signal devices were tested; officers and crews were strangers to one another and the passengers to both; neither was familiar with the vessel or with its implements or tools; no drill or station practice or helpful discipline disturbed the tranquility of that voyage and when the crisis came a state of absolute unpreparedness stupefied both passengers and crew, and in their despair the ship went down carrying as needless a sacrifice of noble women and brave men as ever clustered about the judgment seat in any single moment of passing time."

"We shall leave to the honest judgment of England its painstaking chastisement of the British Board of Trade to whose laxity of regulation and hasty inspection the world is largely indebted for this awful fatality. Of contributing causes there were very many. In the face of warning signals, speed was increased and messages of danger seemed to stimulate her to action rather than to persuade her to fear."

In discussing Captain Smith, the Michigan senator mingled tribute to his knowledge and bravery with criticism for his indifference to the warnings which had been given him of the presence of ice. "Pure of character, dauntless as a sailor should be," said the senator, "he walked the deck of his majestic structure as master of his keel, Titanic though she was; his indifference to danger was one of the direct and contributing causes of this unnecessary tragedy while his own willingness to die was the expiating evidence of his own fitness to live."

## Charge Against Smith.

"Those of us who knew him well—not in anger, but in sorrow—file one specific charge against him, overconfidence and neglect to heed the oft repeated warnings of his friends; but, in his horrible dismay, when his brain was aflame with honest retribution we can still see in his manly bearing and his tender solicitude for the safety of women and little children, some traces of his lofty spirit when dark clouds lowered all about him and angry elements stripped him of his command. "The mystery of his indifference to danger, when other and less pretentious vessels doubled their lookout or stopped their engines, finds no reasonable hypothesis in conjecture or speculation."

Vividly describing the disaster as pictured by the survivors, Senator Smith pointed out that at the instant of contact with the ice the navigator turned the nose of the ship aside to avoid a collision with the result that the blow was struck at a point less capable of resisting the impact than the prow of the vessel would have been. Telling of the scenes that followed the senator said: "Life belts were finally adjusted to all and the lifeboats were cleared away, and although the strangely insufficient in number, were only partially loaded and in all instances unprovided with compasses and only three of them had lamps. They were manned so badly that in the absence of prompt relief they would have failed on easy victims to the advancing ice

floor, nearly thirty miles in width and rising 100 feet above the surface of the water. Their danger would have been as great as if they had remained on the deck of the broken hull, and if the sea had risen these toy targets with over seven hundred exhausted people would have been helplessly tossed about upon the waves without food or water.

## Discipline was Poor.

"The lifeboats were filled so indifferently and lowered so quickly that, according to uncontradicted evidence, nearly 500 people were needlessly sacrificed to want of orderly discipline in loading the few that were provided. "There were 1,324 passengers on the ship. The lifeboats would have easily cared for 1,176 and only contained 704, twelve of whom were taken into the boats from the water while the weather conditions were favorable and the sea perfectly calm.

"And yet it is said by some well meaning persons that the best of discipline, prevailed. If this is discipline, what would have been disorder?"

## Legislation Demanded.

The chairman finds that this accident clearly indicates the necessity of additional legislation to secure safety of life at sea, and declares that unless there is early revision of inspection laws of foreign countries, providing for sufficient life boats, proper drilling of crews, arrangements for salvaging of passengers and crews to lifeboats before sailing and that every steamship carrying 100 or more passengers shall have two electric searchlights and wireless telegraphs on duty throughout the twenty-four hours day, that reciprocal arrangements between the United States and other countries be terminated. "The report says: "By statute the United States accepts reciprocally the inspection certificates of foreign countries having inspection laws approximating those of the United States. Unless there is early revision of inspection laws of foreign countries along the lines laid down hereinafter the committee deems it proper that such reciprocal arrangements be terminated; and that no vessels be licensed to carry passengers from ports of the United States until regulations and requirements of the laws of the United States have been fully complied with."

## Need of Lifeboats.

"The committee recommends that section 4481 and 4483, revised statutes, be so amended as to definitely require sufficient lifeboats to accommodate every passenger and every member of the crew. That the importance of this feature is realized by steamship lines is indicated by the fact that on many lines steps are being taken to provide lifeboat capacity for every person on board, including the crew, and the fact of such equipment is being widely advertised. The president of the Mercantile Marine company, Mr. Ismay definitely stated to the committee, 'we have issued instructions that none of the ships of our line shall leave any port carrying more passengers and crew than they have capacity for in the lifeboats.'

"Not less than four members of the crew skilled in handling boats should be assigned to every lifeboat; all members of the crew assigned to lifeboats in lowering and rowing the boat not less than twice each month and the fact of such drill or practice should be noted in the log."

## BURTON WANTS TO BE THE CHAIRMAN

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Senator Burton reiterated today his intention of going to Columbus, Ohio, with a speech in his pocket with the expectation of delivering it as temporary chairman of the Republican state convention. If he does not deliver it, it will be because the Roosevelt people control the convention and refuse to give him an opportunity. "I am in exactly the same position as Senator Root. I shall go to Columbus, but what I shall do there depends upon the action of the convention."

## COMMERCIAL CLUB BANQUET TONIGHT

It is expected that at least 350 business and professional men will be served at the annual banquet of the Richmond Commercial club to be held this evening at 6:30 o'clock in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian association building. All arrangements have been completed by the committee in charge of the affair.